

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY



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! WHO ARE WE? !

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We are the Computer Users' Group and we are dedicated to making the computer aspect of Concordia even better than its present incredibly high standard. If you have ANYTHING to say regarding the computer facilities here or if you have any questions, please get in touch with us. You can do this in a number of ways. We have an office on the ninth floor of the Hall building (H-983) and in the EN Annex at 2070 Mackay (EN-399-20). Our phone number is 879-7329. You can also send us mail via the computer mailbox utility to our account CCUSC51. You can even speak to us personally. Our 1981-82 executive is as follows:

Ron Shutler - President
Harold Parnigoni - Vice-president
Dave Parks - Secretary
Ken Rother - Treasurer
Suzy Huebsch - Member at large
Franco Carlacci - Member at LARGE
Larry Cadloff - Member at large (and your humble editor)

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! CUG GUIDE !

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So you've just started your life at Concordia and you are completely lost when it comes to using our computer facilities. Fear

not. The 1981-82 CUG Guide will

save you. This Guide is packed full of vital information and handy tips about the life of computer users at Concordia. You can pick up your copy on the ninth floor of the Hall building, or the second floor of Centennial building, or at our Membership drive on the Mezzanine, or just drop by our office (H-983). It's absolutely free so you're a real jerk if you don't get one.

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! TELEPHONE LINES !

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It had to happen eventually. The use of telephone lines is now restricted. Undergraduates may use the dial up ports at any time except between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays. This is due mainly to budget restrictions and the fact that the Cyber is very busy at these times.

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! TERMINAL DISEASES !

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Starting this September, the Cluster is back, with a vengeance. For those of you who have joined the show in progress, the Cluster is a group of terminals found in room H-980-1, whose alleged purpose is to serve as a substitute for all those keypunches (or at least some of those keypunches). Towards this end the Centre last year tried to

Implement a "Cluster Subsystem" which restricted the capabilities of the Cluster terminals in various ways. This approach eventually failed, due to both a tired printer controller and determined opposition by the more...ehem..."skilled" students.

Well, it's back, and more restrictive than ever. It seems that most of the "holes" in the old system have been plugged, and the RJE command (which is about all you can do apart from editing) logs you off immediately. The idea is to free the terminal for the next victim. We would like to point out that this means that the only reasonably fast terminals available to students are severely limited.

On a similar note, the cluster has been expanded to eight terminals. Very nice, except the extra terminals are Lanparscope XT-50s. We have one of these machines in our own office, and (to be charitable) it is less than reliable. Already, some of the keyboards are starting to bboounncceea.

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!                PASCAL                !
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For those Pascal fanatics in the audience (I know you're out there, I can hear you breathing), a bit of news: We are now running Pascal Version 3, instead of the old Version 2. Further information is available as Software Bulletin 351 (also available in HELP).

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!                CLUB RALLY                !
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There will be a club rally on September 15 - 17 on the mezzanine of the Hall building. Most of Concordia's clubs will be represented, and we will certainly be there. We'll be handing out guides, newsletters, and memberships, and selling our famous CUG T-shirts. Remember, Computer Science is the Real Thing!

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!                PROCEDURE FILES                !
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Some of you might not be aware that it is possible to write procedures for the CYBER, in effect creating your own commands. If, on a terminal, you type a word preceded by a dash (for example, -RUN), the system will attempt to find a procedure in a file called "PROCFIL" with this name in your account. The system can also be told to search through other files with the DEFPROC command. What does this mean? We at CUG have collected some of the more useful procedures and placed them in our own PROCFIL in our account, CCUSC51. To use them it is only necessary to type "BATCH" (to enter the batch subsystem), and then "DEFPROC,CCUSC51" (note the two commas). We've even included documentation; after doing this, just type -HELP and stand back.

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!                DISCLAIMERS                !
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We'd like to take this opportunity to deny any association with a publication called "BUG NEWS". Do not accept imitations! We do, however, think that it's kind of cute.